

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) for a Certificate Of Public Convenience & Necessity Valley-Rainbow 500kV Inter-Connect Project.

Application 01-03-036
(Filed March 23, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING MOTION TO MODIFY SCHEDULE**

On August 29, 2001, I issued a ruling setting a schedule for presentation of testimony in this proceeding. On November 28, 2001, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) filed a motion to modify the schedule for presentation of ORA and intervenor testimony and subsequent events in Phase I, the "need" phase, of this proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 45(h), the administrative law judge need not wait for responses or replies to motions before ruling on them. After consulting with Commissioner Duque's office, we will modify the schedule as set forth below. The revised schedule will be adhered to as closely as possible.

Event	Date	
Application Filed	March 23, 2001	
Application Deemed Complete	April 23, 2001	
Prehearing Conference	June 21, 2001	
Notice of Preparation Issued	June 25, 2001	
CEQA Scoping Meetings	July 10 - 12, 2001	
Assigned Commissioner Scoping Memo Issued	August 13, 2001	
Revised Schedule Issued	August 27, 2001	
Second Revised Schedule Issued	November 29, 2001	
Event	Need Issues	All Other Issues
SDG&E Testimony served	October 5, 2001	October 21, 2002
ISO Testimony served	October 5, 2001	November 18, 2002
ORA Testimony served	February 1, 2002	November 18, 2002
Intervenor Testimony served	March 15, 2002	November 18, 2002
Rebuttal Testimony served	April 12, 2002	December 11, 2002
Case Management Statement Due	April 22, 2002	January 6, 2003
Prehearing Conference	April 29, 2002	January 8, 2003
Evidentiary Hearings Begin	May 6-17, 2002	January 21- February 11, 2003
Concurrent Opening Briefs Filed/ Request for Final Oral Argument	June 14, 2002	March 13, 2003
Concurrent Reply Briefs Filed	July 8, 2002	April 3, 2003
Closing Argument before Assigned Commissioner	August 5, 2002	April 10, 2003
Event	Date	
Draft EIR expected ¹	August 2002	
ALJ and parties tour project route and alternatives	September 2002	
Public Participation Hearings	September 2002	
Final EIR published	March 2003	
Draft Decision Certifying Final EIR issued	April 2003	
Final Decision Certifying EIR ²	May 2003	
Proposed Decision on CPCN	July 2003	

¹ The expected date for the Draft Environmental Impact Report has been modified based on the most current schedule I have received from the Energy Division.

² Rule 77.7(f)(8) provides that the Commission can waive or reduce the period for public review and comment “for a decision under a federal or California Statute (such as the California Environmental Quality Act or the Administrative Procedure Act) that both makes comprehensive provision for public review and comment and sets a deadline from initiation of the proceeding within which the Commission must resolve the proceeding.”

Final Commission Decision	August 2003
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IT IS RULED that the schedule of this proceeding is as set forth above in this ruling.

Dated November 30, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOK
Michelle Cooke
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Motion to Modify Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 30, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JACQUELINE GORZUCH

Jacqueline Gorzoch

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